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SUBJ: FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF TWO GNZ TRADE OFFICIALS

AND GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 133035 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER JUN 14 E A WOODFIELD, ASSIST SECRETARY FOR TRADE POLICY IN GNZ'S DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, INDICATED THAT GNZ IS UNDERTAKING INITIATIVE TO EXPLAIN TO SELECTED GOVERNMENTS IMPORTANCE NEW ZEALAND ATTACHES TO FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE MTN. AS PART OF THIS PROCESS WOODFIELD NOTED THAT IN COMPANY WITH L J K FUTTER, SECRETARY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (I.E. TOP CIVIL SERVANT IN THE DEPARTMENT) AND E. FARNON, NZ'S PERMREP IN GENEVA, HE WILL BE IN WASH JUL 12 AND 13 TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF DEPARTS OF AGRICULTURE AND STATE AND STR. HE ADVISED THAT APPOINTMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY NZ EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. WHILE MAIN THRUST OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE MTN, TEAM ALSO EXPECTS DISCUSS BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES INCLUDING MEAT AND LAY GROUNDWORK FOR SEPT US VISIT OF NZ PRIME MINISTER MULDOON. AFTER

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WASH MEETINGS WOODFIELD AND FARNON WILL CONTINUE ON TO EUROPE TO DISCUSS MTN VIEWS IN SELECTED OTHER CAPITALS.

2. WOODFIELD USED THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS "DISMAY" AT US INTENTION TO RAISE SUBJ OF IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME (IDS) AGAIN IN THE GATT. HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE ORIGINAL INTRODUCTION OF THE IDS IN 1976, IT HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO

COVER FEWER PRODUCTS AND THAT AMONG THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM INCLUSION IN THE SCHEME ARE SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF CAPITAL EQUIP OF WHICH THE US IS AN IMPORTANT SUPPLIER. WOODFIELD MADE REFERENCE TO NZ'S CONTINUING BALPA DEFICIT, AND TO THE GNZ'S DESIRE DESPITE THAT DEFICIT NOT TO TIGHTEN UP ON IMPORTS ANY MORE THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. THE IDS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED ORIGINALLY AS A SIGNAL TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT THEY SHOULD RESTRAIN IMPORTS: ITS SUBSEQUENT LIBERALIZATION WAS OFFERED BY WOODFIELD AS ONE EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO RESIST DIRECT ACTION TO TIGHTEN UP FURTHER. HE ALSO CITED PERSISTENT DEFICIT IN NZ'S TRADE WITH US, AND STATED THAT GNZ BELIEVES THAT IDS HAS HAD VIRTUALLY NO EFFECT ON IMPORTS FROM US.

3. WOODFIELD AND FUTTER WOULD BE PLEASED DISCUSS IDS WITH INTERESTED USG AGENCIES DURING THEIR JUL VISIT. WOODFIELD STATED THAT HE FEELS BILATERAL DISCUSSION MORE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE THAN RENEWED CONSIDERATION IN GENEVA. SHOULD USG PRESS FOR RECONSIDERATION IN GATT, HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT GNZ WOULD INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO OPPOSE BOP COMMITTEE AS VENUE AND TO HOLD OUT FOR CONSIDERATION BY WORKING PARTY.
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